



TO: The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents

FROM: Douglas E. Lentivech

SUBJECT: Appointment to the Position of Executive Secretary, State Boards for Dietetics and Nutrition and the State Committee for Professional Assistance

DATE: March 3, 2020

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Issue for Decision (Consent Agenda)

Should the Regents approve the appointment of Jason Kramer, as Executive Secretary for the State Board for Dietetics and Nutrition and the State Committee for Professional Assistance?

Reason(s) for Consideration

Required by State statute.

Proposed Handling

The appointment will come before the Board of Regents at its March 2020 meeting.

Procedural History

Education Law section 6508(7) requires the Board of Regents to appoint an Executive Secretary to each state board on recommendation of the Commissioner. The State professional boards advise and assist the Regents and the Department on matters of professional licensing and professional practice.

Background Information

The New York State Education Department oversees the licensing and practice of 6,207 Certified Dietitians/Nutritionists. The primary oversight of those functions falls under the direction of the Executive Secretary for the State Board for Dietetics and

Nutrition. Additionally, the Professional Assistance Program (PAP) assists professionals who have substance abuse problems, but who have not harmed patients or clients. The work of the State Committee for Professional Assistance is guided by the Executive Secretary of the Committee on Professional Assistance. Accordingly, it became a priority to seek a strongly qualified candidate, and we are pleased to present Jason Kramer for your consideration.

Mr. Kramer is an experienced manager, who currently serves as the Executive Secretary for the State Boards of Acupuncture, Speech-Language Pathology & Audiology and Occupational Therapy. Prior to joining the Department in March 2019, he worked in the education sector for many years, serving in various leadership positions including Vice President, Institutional Relations & Administration, for the Commission of Independent Colleges and Universities and as the Executive Director of the Council of Governing Boards. His extensive management experience will enable him to build on the Board of Regents' record of success in overseeing the work of the State Board for Dietetics and Nutrition and the Committee on Professional Assistance, while still maintaining his role as Executive Secretary for the State Boards of Acupuncture, Speech-Language Pathology & Audiology and Occupational Therapy.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Regents approve the appointment of Jason Kramer as the Executive Secretary to the State Board for Dietetics and Nutrition and the Committee on Professional Assistance.

Timetable for Implementation

If the Board of Regents approves the recommendation, the appointment will be effective March 3, 2020.